

## Are You Crossing Over?

Crossing over. Jars of Clay did it. So did Sixpence None the Richer, Pillar, Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith and Switchfoot.

Crossover is a music industry term. It refers to acts that *cross over* from one music category to another. When Jars of Clay, for example, scored a major hit with their song *Flood*, they crossed over from the contemporary Christian music charts to the pop music charts. Sixpence did the same thing a couple of years later with their song *Kiss Me*, and Switchfoot's *Meant to Live* became a big crossover hit.



When a contemporary Christian music act crosses over, the pop charts are like uncharted territory. The experience presents all sorts of challenges, not the least of which is contending for the faith within a hostile environment.

The people of God have been *crossing over* into unfamiliar territory for many millennia.



When the nation of Israel was preparing to cross over the Jordan River into the Promised Land, the territory was unfamiliar. So God directed the Levites to carry the Ark of the Covenant first – to represent God's presence with His people – and the Israelites were to follow them.

The same advice works for you. If you are crossing over into unfamiliar territory – like you did from high school to college, for example, or you are entering a new job, a new home, a new town – remember that God is with you.

And that's what really matters.

*Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you (Genesis 28: 15 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter